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A 27 year-old Detroit man was sentenced to 100 months in prison after pleading guilty to federal firearm charges, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy and Special Agent in Charge Valerie J. Goddard, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announced today.

Carl Alonzo Marshall was sentenced on May 13, 2005, by U.S. District Judge Paul D. Borman in federal court in Detroit.

This case is one of the more than 300 that have been referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution under a Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative that provides for the referral of gun cases by local prosecutors in those instances in which federal law provides for a substantially higher sentence.

On January 26, 2004, MARSHALL was arrested following the execution of a search warrant by the Detroit Police Department at a residence in Detroit where suspected drug activity was occurring. Prior to executing the warrant, Detroit Police Officers on surveillance observed MARSHALL obtain suspected narcotics from a van parked in front of the location. The van was searched for narcotics. Recovered from inside the van was 8.8 grams of marijuana and five firearms, two of which were loaded. MARSHALL was on state probation at the time of his arrest.

"This case is proof once again that Project Safe Neighborhoods is making a difference in our communities" Murphy said. "My office will continue to aggressively seek higher sentences for gun offenders."

ATF SAC Goddard stated, "The conviction and lengthy sentence in this case highlights the significance Project Safe Neighborhoods plays in our fight to keep guns and violent offenders off the street."

U.S. Attorney Murphy commended the efforts of ATF agents, officers of the Detroit Police Department and Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Gillooly for their diligent work on this case.

For questions regarding the Project Safe Neighborhoods in the Eastern District of Michigan, please contact Peggy Goodwin, The Goodwin Co. at 248-543-3891.

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